

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 00-05-30**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 29, 2000  
Business Meeting: May 30, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Discuss MPC Sale – Placeholder – (5/30/00)
2. D99.2.29 – MDU – Universal system benefits program – Discuss/act on MDU's proposed programs (5/30/00)
3. D99.10.243 – EWM – Tracker – Prehearing discussion as need, if needed, other matters as necessary (5/30/00)
4. D99.5.129 and D99.7.172 – Mid-Rivers, 3 Rivers, Triangle, Project – Additional EAS in Billings and Great Falls Regions – Further update on possibility of settlement, bifurcation, extension of time, other matters as necessary (5/30/00)
5. D99.11.250 – Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc. – Mid-Rivers ETC, Wibaux Exchange – Placeholder for discussion, direction, action on stipulation, other matters as necessary (5/30/00)

6. D2000.1.14 – Ronan Tel – Motion for interim bill-and-keep reciprocal compensation – Placeholder to discuss draft order (5/30/00)
7. D99.8.200 – US West Communications – Qwest/US West merger – To discuss and act on Hayhurst letter dated May 17 and other matters as necessary (5/30/00)
8. D98.8.192 – USW Pricing for UNEs, wholesale discount, collocation, line sharing – To discuss issuing a procedural order (5/30/00)
9. D2000.3.35 – Mt. Wireless and Blackfoot Tel – Jt. app. to approve IA – To approve an interconnection agreement (5/30/00)
10. L-99.6.7-RUL – PSC fees rule – Post hearing discussion and adoption (5/30/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. FRONT RANGE PIPELINE N2000.5.68 (Joel)

On May 11, 2000, Front Range Pipeline filed a request to amend Montana PSC Tariff No. 12. The current tariff is incorrect and needs to be changed to read from Santa Rita Station, Glacier Co. Montana to Great Falls, Cascade Co. Montana instead of International Boundary, Toole Co. Montana to Great Falls. This change will not affect rates.

2. USWEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket No. N2000.5.69 (Leroy)

On May 9, 2000, USWest filed Tariff Transmittal 00-18, "Message Delivery Service - Interoffice" to introduce Message Delivery Service - Interoffice. MDS-I transmits call-related information pertaining to incoming calls to an MDS-I customer's multiline hunt group. The service is similar to Message Delivery Service but in on an interoffice basis.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. USWEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket No. N2000.5.72 (Leroy)

On May 19, 2000, USWest filed Tariff Transmittal 00-19 to introduce a usage charge of \$0.26 on 800 ServiceLine calls that originate from payphones. This introduction consistent with a 1997 FCC mandate that orders compensation to payphone services providers for calls that are not collected at payphone origination sites.

2. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. Docket N2000.5.74(Leroy)

On May 23, 2000, Sprint Communications Company filed changes to its Price List No. 1, its 123<sup>rd</sup> Revised Page 1. The changes are to introduce Sprint Business Late Fee, a late fee of 1.5% on payments not received within 30 days of the invoice date, where capabilities exist.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-06-05**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2000.5.72 – USWC – USWC tariff 00-19 Payphone usage charge for 800 Serviceline calls

D2000.5.73 – Red Butte Pipe Line – Application for transfer of assets from Marathon-Ashland

N2000.5.74 – Sprint Communications – Tariff filing introducing Sprint Business Late Fee